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Business Committee Forming Task Force to Focus on Sovereignty Protection

The Sac and Fox Nation Business Committee announced today they are forming a task force focused on sovereignty protection.

The Business Committee is closely monitoring and addressing a number of critical issues that will impact the Sac and Fox Nation. From intergovernmental compacts to jurisdictional questions, there are a number of issues that the Sac and Fox Nation must proactively address.

The Business Committee will lead the task force and plans to assemble a team of elders, staff members, and attorneys to address these critical issues. The goal is to build a coalition of experts and parties with historical knowledge to ensure the protection of the Nation's sovereignty and the well-being of all members of the Sac and Fox Nation. The Business Committee will continue to collaborate with other sovereign nations to address issues in Oklahoma, but recognizes the importance of also focusing on issues specific to the Sac and Fox Nation.

"The Sac and Fox Nation continues to address legal and regulatory issues that will impact our future, including negotiations with the Governor of Oklahoma over compacts and jurisdictional questions in light of the historic ruling in *McGirt v. Oklahoma*," said Principal Chief Justin F. Wood. "The Business Committee is committed to creating a framework that protects our Nation's sovereignty. A task force presents a great opportunity for the Business Committee to collaborate with tribal elders and other professionals to address these critical issues."

The Business Committee is working on creating the framework for the task force and will take official action to establish the task force. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.